

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 22, and add new claims 34 and 35 as follows:

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Original) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate having thereon a pixel electrode in an active element;

a second substrate having thereon an opposed electrode; and

a liquid crystal layer interposed between said first and second substrates with  
said electrodes facing each other,

wherein a first orientation control element extending in a nonparallel direction  
relative to an extending direction of an edge of said pixel electrode and a second orientation  
control element extending in a parallel direction relative to an extending direction of said  
edge are provided on at least one of said first and second substrates, and

said first orientation control element is provided on said first and second  
substrates respectively, and

at least a part of liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer on said  
second orientation control element are orientated in a vertical direction relative to said  
substrate when voltage is being applied between said pixel and opposed electrodes.

23. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein said second orientation control element is provided on said second substrate, and said pixel electrode does not exist on at least a part of a place on said first substrate opposed to said second orientation control element.

24. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a slit formed in said pixel electrode in an oblique direction relative to an extending direction of said edge.

25. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein at least one of said first and second orientation control elements is a protrusion formed on said pixel electrode in an oblique direction relative to an extending direction of said edge.

26. (Original) The device according to claim 22, wherein a dielectric anisotropy of said liquid crystal molecules of said liquid crystal layer is negative.

27-33. (Cancelled)

34. (New) The device according to claim 22, wherein said liquid crystal molecules on said second orientation control element are oriented in a non-vertical

direction relative to a longitudinal direction of said second orientation control element when no voltage is applied.

35. (New) The device according to claim 34, wherein said liquid crystal molecules on said second orientation control element are oriented in a direction of  $45^{\circ}$  relative to the longitudinal direction of said second orientation control element.